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H. R. 359

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require State Medicaid programs to provide coverage of screening mammography and screening pap smears.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. TOWNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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A BILL

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require State Medicaid programs to provide coverage of screening mammography and screening pap smears.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicaid Women's Basic Health Coverage Act of 1997".

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF SCREENING**
2 **MAMMOGRAPHY AND SCREENING PAP**
3 **SMEARS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 1905(a)(17) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(17)) is amended—
6 (1) by inserting "(A)" after "(17)", and
7 (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end
8 the following: ", (B) screening mammography (as
9 defined in section 1861(jj)) conducted consistent
10 with the frequency specified under section
11 1834(c)(2), and (C) screening pap smears (as de-
12 fined in section 1861(nn))".

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by sub-
14 section (a) apply (except as provided under paragraph (2))
15 to payments under title XIX of the Social Security Act
16 for calendar quarters beginning on or after April 1, 1998,
17 without regard to whether or not final regulations to carry
18 out such amendments have been promulgated by such
19 date.

20 (2) In the case of a State plan for medical assistance
21 under title XIX of the Social Security Act which the Sec-
22 retary of Health and Human Services determines requires
23 State legislation (other than legislation authorizing or ap-
24 propriating funds) in order for the plan to meet the addi-
25 tional requirement imposed by the amendments made by

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1 subsection (a), the State plan shall not be regarded as fail-
2 ing to comply with the requirements of such title solely
3 on the basis of its failure to meet this additional require-
4 ment before the first day of the first calendar quarter be-
5 ginning after the close of the first regular session of the
6 State legislature that begins after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act. For purposes of the previous sentence,
8 in the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative session,
9 each year of such session shall be deemed to be a separate
10 regular session of the State legislature.

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